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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction/election requirement mailed on July 9, 2004, please enter the following Response. The restriction/election requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, 13, 18-22, 27-36, drawn to a device for heating a medical fluid including a radiant heater, secondary heater and controller, classified in class 604, subclass 114.
- II. Claims 8-12, drawn to a device for in-line heating including an infrared reflector, classified in class 604, subclass 113.
- III. Claims 14-17, drawn to a heating device of fluids flowing through a disposable cassette, where infrared transmissive material is disposed between the infrared emitter and a flexible membrane, classified in class 604, subclass 6.08.
- IV. Claims 23-26, drawn to a first and second heater to heat 2 liters dialysis fluid from 10-37 degrees C in 13 minutes, classified in class 604, subclass 29.